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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Darrell T. McKenzie :  
Serial No.: 09/965,806 : Group Art Unit: 1723  
Filed: October 1, 2001 : Examiner: Terry K. Cecil  
For: COMBINATION FILTER ELEMENT SUPPORT AND ANTI-PREFILL VALVE

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Abstract at the end of this amendment.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Applicant proposes to add reference numeral 10 to Fig. 1 as shown in red in the attached copy of the drawings.

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